



CHALLENGER NEWS

December 20, 2024

Winter Break

Have a wonderful Winter Break, Challengers!
See you back at school on Tuesday, January 7th!

A large graphic for the Winter Break announcement. It features a dark blue background with white snowflakes and a row of white icicles at the top. The text "Winter Break" is written in a large, white, serif font. Below it, the dates "December 23rd - January 6th" are written in a smaller, white, serif font. At the bottom center, there is a small circular logo featuring the same cartoon robot character as in the top left, wearing a yellow beanie.

Winter Break

December 23rd - January 6th



PTO



This week's PTO reminders:

1. Sign up to make a monthly gift of \$5, 10 or 20 to support Mariposa in 2025!

With your donation, we can:

- Expand our STEM programs and equip

students with the skills needed to excel in today's technology-driven world.

- Invest in cutting-edge technology to enhance the learning experience and prepare students for college and careers.
- Support our teachers with professional development opportunities to ensure they have the resources to inspire and educate.
- Every dollar donated makes a significant impact on the lives of our students.

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/fundraising/4180f8ce-4a33-4fe5-a632-6221fe792882>



YOU HAVE THE POWER TO HELP MARIPOSA



No amount is too small to give! Support the PTO to provide classroom supplies

Donate online today: <http://bit.ly/4fzJmBT>



KYRENE DE LA MARIPOSA PTO

FAMILY KICKBALL GAME

FREE
ALL MARIPOSA FAMILIES WELCOME
SIGN UP AT LINK

JANUARY 11
10 AM - 12 PM

2. SAVE THE DATE: Mariposa Kickball Game

- Saturday, January 11, 2025 from 10am to 12pm
- It's time for our Annual Mariposa Kickball Game! Please sign up your student(s) if they would like to participate in this free event.
- We would love to have as many parents, grandparents, and/or other adult friends to sign up as well to play against the kids. You are also welcome to just come and watch. If you are willing to play, please add your full name in the Grown Up Participant Slot.

Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EAF62AA1FBC52-54058505-mariposa>

3. Stay in touch over break!

Follow us on:

- Instagram: [instagram.com/kyrenemariposapto/](https://www.instagram.com/kyrenemariposapto/)
- Facebook: [facebook.com/mariposapto](https://www.facebook.com/mariposapto)

4. CHANDLER MALL SCHOOL CENTS:

Have you or are you doing holiday shopping at Chandler Mall? Even eating out at the restaurants and the movie theater qualify! Submit your receipts here:

<https://www.shopchandlerfashioncenter.com/Events/Details/544683>

SCHOOL CENTS



Help your school earn up to \$3,000! Submit your Chandler Fashion Center receipts dated July 1 - March 31 to earn at least five points per dollar spent. Visit shopandlog.com/chandler, scan the QR code, or drop your receipt in the collection box located on the upper level bridge near Barnes & Noble next to the elevator across from the Children's Play Area.



EARN UP TO 10x POINTS!

On ALL receipts dated and submitted November 1 - January 15

10x: Audrina Isabella | Home Mart | Intimissimi | Rugged Cowboy | TravisMathew

5x: Abercrombie | American Eagle | Apple | Barnes & Noble | Cheesecake Factory | Crayola Experience | Claire's | H&M | Hollister | Kay Jewelers | Sun Glass Hut | Sephora | Shoe Palace | Zales

2x: All other Chandler Fashion Center receipts.

Receipts must be dated and submitted 11/1/24-1/15/25 to earn bonus points. All other receipts earn regular points.

HOLIDAY BONUS OFFERS

Santa Photos: View special Santa events and make a reservation at ShopChandlerFashionCenter.com/SantaPhotos then submit your receipt for 5x points plus 1,000 bonus points. Attend Storytime with Mrs. Claus on Dec. 6, 13 and 20 at 11am and get 1,000 bonus points when you sign in to credit your school.

Adopt An Angel, through Dec. 21. Fulfill the wish of a Salvation Army Angel and ask for a receipt when you bring your donation. Submit your donation receipt to earn 1,000 points.

ShopChandlerFashionCenter.com

shopandlog.com/chandler

1-800-539-3273

Attention 5th Grade Families

Dear 5th Grade families,

The week your child comes back from break they will be bringing home information about the 2025-2026 middle school course selection process. Each 5th grader received an elective course selection form for their assigned middle school. Additional copies can be accessed on the Kyrene website on the [Resources for Families and Community Page](#).

Parents/Guardians are requested to review this information with your child and sign the form, acknowledging your approval of the courses selected. Students are required to return the form to their teacher by January 15th. During the week of January 23rd, our students are scheduled to use these forms to enter their preferences online with their classroom teacher.

Families who are considering a different middle school **must apply** for registration at that school through the online portal when next year's registration window opens on January 14, 2025. While students may select a different middle school's course selection form, they are not guaranteed placement at that school. Families must apply and be approved for open enrollment to attend a non-resident school.

Health Office

Needed Items

- Boys pants, size 7-8
 - Girls underwear, sizes 4-10
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KYRENE KICKBALL
Kyrene Intramurals

Kyrene Intramural Kickball

This Program is designed to teach and model positive sportsmanship. Our goal is to introduce team play, positive sportsmanship and having fun!

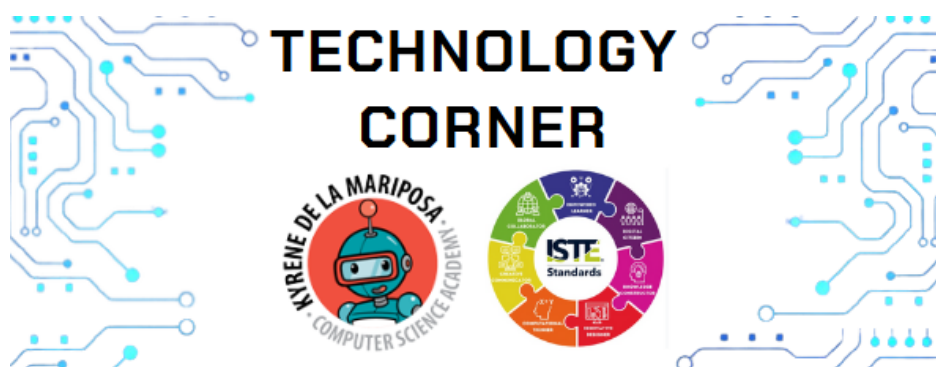
Practices at your school campus begin the week of January 20

K-2 practice 1x per week - \$75
3-5 practices 2x per week - \$100

Season will end on March 1st with a K-2 and 3-5 Tournament at Pueblo Middle School



Register Now!



In the November 8th Challenger News we shared the ISTE Standards for Students. Of the seven standards, this newsletter will focus on the Creative Communicator. As a Creative Communicator, students communicate clearly and express themselves creatively for a variety of purposes using the platforms, tools, styles, formats and digital media appropriate to their goals. Students first have to choose platforms or tools for meeting the desired objectives of their creation or communication. Students create original and remixed works where they responsibly repurpose or remix digital resources in new creations. Students also use digital tools to visually communicate complex ideas to others. Finally, students publish or present content that customizes the message and medium for their intended audiences.

Chip's Cheer Winners

K	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Hannah	Jacob	Michael	Riley	Micah	Renata
Micki	Greyson	Wilder	Alexa	Nainika	Khloe
				Riley	Gael



Understanding the Impacts of ACES and Trauma

Childhood trauma is more common than you think. Learn about the common concerns of childhood trauma.

Presenter: Sanghoon Yoo

Date and Time: January 16, 2025, 6:00 - 7:00pm

Location: Zoom

[Registration & Zoom Link](#)

In Partnership With: Tempe Coalition

REPEAT INFORMATION

Dogs on Campus

A friendly reminder that for everyone's safety, dogs are not allowed on campus. See page 11 in the [Kyrene Family Handbook](#).

Pets and Other Animals

For the safety of all students, please do not bring pets on campus. An adult may bring a pet to the classroom for a class period and for educational purposes only if the teacher has obtained written permission from all students' parents. Animals cannot be transported on school buses. If a pet follows a student to school, the office will contact the student's home to arrange for pet pick-up ([Policy 3-202](#)).

Kyrene Family Handbook 2024-2025, page 11

World Fair

Hello from Mariposa!

As the weather gets colder and the holidays roll around, it is the perfect time to celebrate peace and diversity! Our annual World's Fair will be coming soon, and we can't wait to invite you all on a "trip around the world"! We already have some fantastic culture booths signed up, but we would love some help to make this day a success!

Our current list includes: Germany, Taiwan, Romania, Mexico, Ireland, Finland, Hungary, Sweden, Japan, North Wales, Israel, Ghana, Zimbabwe, Navajo Nation, Norway, Czech Republic, Philippines, Malaysia, France, Luxembourg, and India.

Don't see your family's culture represented? You can still sign up using this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-wNcVBkxJGEa9OPTVthjjOAFS5uOaYKdxO5g2-MZUVrXfw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Do you see a country on the list that is representing your family's culture? You can join the fun as a co-host for that booth! We love to see teamwork and cooperation between our families at Mariposa, and this is a great way to make new friends. Feel free to sign up to join a booth using the link above and we will match you with the family already hosting to make a new team.

Want to participate, but don't want to do it alone? No problem! We need volunteers to help the families at the booths with stamping passports, assisting with crafts and/or handing out food samples. The families hosting would be thrilled to have an extra pair of hands to help! Volunteers can be anyone from parent, grandparents, high schoolers, or even middle schoolers too. Sign up using this link to help as a volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F49A5AD2BA2F94-51516256-mariposa>

Still on the fence and want some in-person examples? The World Heritage Team will be hosting an information meeting next Monday, 12/16, after school from 2:30-3:00 PM in

Room 3. This is a time for you to pop in and see some examples of past events and learn more about the fair up close and personally. We would love to see you there!
Thank you all for your time and we look forward to celebrating with you!

Sarah Rees



Attention 5th Grade Families Going to KMS



Dear Prospective KMS Parents,

The KMS Showcase Night will be held on January 15th from 5:00pm-7:00pm. The showcase night allows families to learn more about our school and all our great academic offerings. This is also a time for elective teachers and special programs to truly showcase why families should be choosing KMS.

Mr. Maxwell will be giving welcoming remarks in the MPR at 5pm, followed by performances by Band, Mariachi, Orchestra, Chorus, and Theater students. We will also have numerous extracurricular activities and programs stationed in our gym. Throughout the evening, we will have tours around our beautiful campus led by our National Junior Honor Society student members and student WEB leaders. For more information about our elective classes, please visit our Exploratory webpage:

<https://sites.google.com/kyrene.org/kmscurriculumshowcase/home>

An outline of our schedule for the evening is below:

	<u>Programming Showcase</u>	<u>Campus Tours</u>	<u>Performing Arts</u>	<u>Principal Presentation</u>
	(H Building)	(Ramada)	(MPR)	(Media Center)
5:00	X	X		
5:20	X	X	X	
5:40	X	X		
6:00	X	X		
6:20	X	X		X
6:40	X	X		

H Building – Join our 6th grade teachers in the H Building and visit their classrooms.

Campus Tours – Take time to hop on one of the campus tours that will be given every 20 minutes by our amazing NJHS and WEB representatives. On the tour you will meet the PE teachers in the Gym, our STEM lab, the Art room and all elective teachers.

Multipurpose Room – Enjoy a live show by our performing arts students in the MPR.

Media Center – Sit with our school principal, Mr. Maxwell, for a presentation that provides an overview of KMS.

a premier middle school
in Tempe



THE KYRENE MIDDLE SCHOOL SHOWCASE NIGHT



Campus tours

Participate in a student led tour to visit sixth grade classrooms, including exploratory classrooms for STEM, TV Broadcasting, the fitness center, and more!



Student performances

Enjoy student performances from KMS performing arts in the multi-purpose room, including Mariachi, Band, Choir, Theater and Orchestra.



Meet and greet

Meet KMS teachers, staff, and administration. Join Principal Maxwell in the Media Center for an overview of all of the programs that KMS has to offer and participate in a Q&A.

*who, when
& where?*



Prospective Middle School Students
and Families



Wednesday, January 15th
from 5-7 pm



1050 E Carver Rd.
Tempe, AZ 85284





Raising A Reader

Free Early Literacy Workshops For Your Family

Tuesdays 4:30-5:30
January 14 - March 5, 2025

Kyrene District Office
8700 South Kyrene Road
Tempe, AZ 85284



Contact Karla to sign up!
(602) 384-0443
kcarmona@swhd.org



Raising A Reader is a national program designed to educate parents and caregivers about the importance of early literacy skills and how they can help build these skills in their young children to help them enter school ready to learn.

Parents attend eight weekly early literacy workshops with their children 0-5 years-old. Families who participate in the program receive 12 high-quality children's books to build their home libraries and are connected to local resources!

Southwest Human Development coordinates Raising A Reader through schools, community centers, libraries, apartment communities, and other convenient locations. All interested parents and caregivers are encouraged to learn more and sign up today!



swhd.org/rar



[Flyer in Spanish](#)

School Store

Our school store needs your help!

We reward our students twice a month with a school store where they can exchange their Chip's Cheers coupons for prizes.

It's a lot of fun, and we really appreciate your help!
Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4DA9AB2DA0F5CF8-54123704-mariposa>

Interested in Working at Mariposa?

Kyrene de la Mariposa Elementary School
Computer Science Academy



**WE'RE
HIRING!**

If interested, please visit kyrene.org/careers

[Mariposa Job Openings](https://kyrene.org/careers)

IF YOU COULD DIRECT
MORE STATE TAX
DOLLARS TO **MARIPOSA**,
WOULD YOU DO IT?

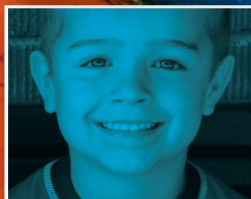
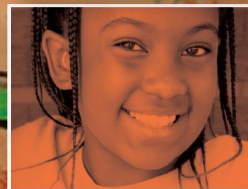
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Child Today**

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 **KyreneSchoolDistrict**

Contact Us

Kyrene de la Mariposa
50 E Knox Rd



School Hours: 7:30 am - 2:15 pm
 Early Release Wed: 12:15 pm

Tempe, AZ 85284

Phone: 480-541-3800

Fax: 480-541-3810

Attendance: 480-541-3801

 **Office Hours:** 7:00 am - 3:30 pm 
Wednesday: 7:00 am - 1:30 pm

PORTRAIT
OF A
KYRENE KID



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COMMUNICATOR • CRITICAL THINKER • PROBLEM SOLVER • COLLABORATOR
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